(b) what are the names of the persons who paid the said amount into the secret accountst ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA) : (a) and (b). The Government has seen the article which appeared in the Statesman of 28th January, 1990 under the caption "Swiss Barks no longer Ali Baba caves".

An FIR had been lodged on 22-1-1990 in connection with the Bofors case. On 26-1-1990, the Swiss authorities have frozen six Swiss Bank accounts connected with the Bofors transaction. A Letter Rogatory has been issued to the Swiss authorities on 9-2-1990. Further investigations are in progress.

Resubmission of Bofors files to the Comptroller and Auditor General of India

1686. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI :
SHRI SURESH KALMADI :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Comptroller and Auditor General of India has stated that he has not received sufficient material previously and some papers were not furnished being kept away from his office;

(b) if so, whether the said files concerning "Bofors transaction" have been resubmitted to the Comptroller and Auditor General for further scrutiny; and

(c) what are the reasons for resubmitting the said files even when the report has already been tabled ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA) : (a) to (c) In September, 1989, a request was received from Audit to persue certain files of the Defence Ministry, pertaining to the Bofors Contract. It has been decided that the files relating to the Bofors transaction could be re-submitted to the Comptroller and Auditor General, if required by him, as a special case, in view of the nature of the transaction. However, Audit has not repeated its earlier request to be shown the files in question.

Missing files on Bofors

1687. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in "The Week" dated the January 28, 1990 under the caption "A Bofors Recoil"; if so, whether any important files on Bofors are missing, including the next page which Prime Minister had read from the files and placed in the Lok Sabha in December, 1989; and

(b) whether Government are aware of the tendency of the bureaucrats to mislead Government by mis-placing the files; if so, the steps required to stop the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) and (b) The report in the news item which appeared in the "The Week" dated 28th January 1990 under the caption "A Bofors Recoil", that certain files on Bofors are missing, is not factually correct. No file or any part thereof, relating to 'Bofors' is missing or has been misplaced.

1688. [*Transferred to the 28th March, 1990*]

Circuses in the Country

1689. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of circuses in the country as on February 28, 1990, Statewise; and

(b) what are the details of the steps taken by Government to encourage circuses in the country and the incentives given by Government in this connection?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) There are 24 major circuses in the country. Their Statewise number is:—

State	No. of Circuses
1. Kerala	9
2. West Bengal	6
3. Maharashtra	3
4. Karnataka	2
5. Uttar Pradesh	2
6. Gujarat	1
7. Tamil Nadu	1
Total	24

Besides, there are some small and a few medium size circuses also.

(b) Circus is covered under subject 'Amusement' of the State List in the Constitution. Therefore, it is the primary responsibility of the State Government to promote it through incentives and other means.

In most of the States, it is either exempted from Entertainment Tax or such Tax is charged at a very low rate. Concessional rates are also being charged by Railways for the movement of circus personnel and their effects .

Urdu teachers and students in Central Schools

1690. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of teachers working in the Central Schools as on February 28, 1990, State-wise;

(b) what is the number of Urdu teachers in these schools as on February 28, 1990; and

(c) what is the number of students studying Urdu in these schools?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on Table of the House.

Ordnance factories in the country

1691. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ordnance factories in the country as on January 30, 1990, State-wise;

(b) the number of workers working in these factories during the same period; and

(c) the number of ordnance factories set up during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) There were 35 Ordnance Factories in the country as on 30th January, 1990. In addition to the above, Ordnance Factory, Medak in Andhra Pradesh, Ordnance Factory, Bolangir in Orissa Combined Engine Plant, Avadi and Heavy Alloy Penetrator Project, Tiruchirappalli in Tamil Nadu were at the project stage as on the 30th January, 1990. The Statewise distribution of Ordnance Factories is given in the Statement. (*See* below.)

(b) The total number of workers in these factories was about 1,77,596 as on 1-1-90.

(c) One factory, namely, the Opto Electronics Factory, at Dehradun.